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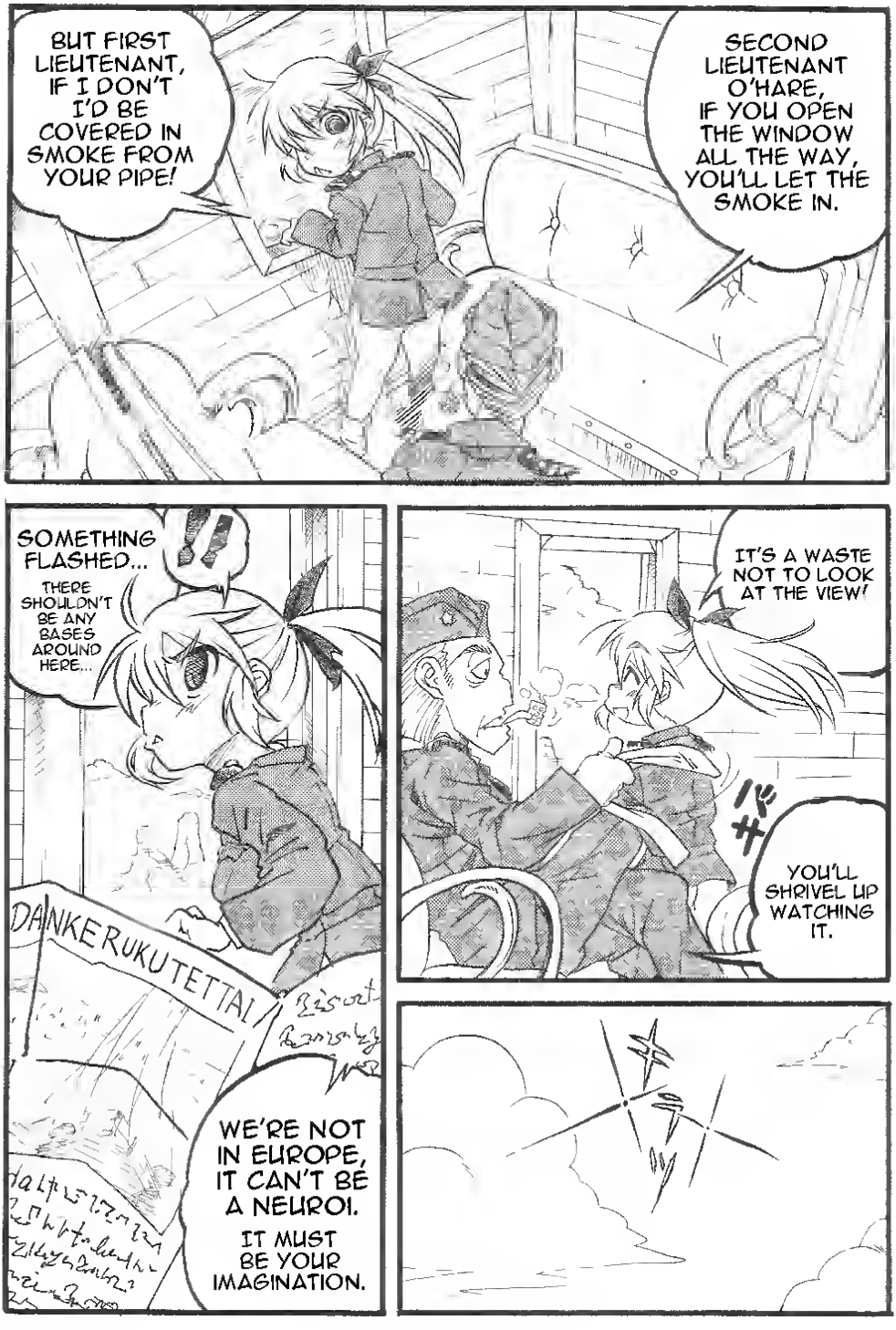
OH!
GREAT SCENERY!
LIBERION'S
LAST STAND


BUT FIRST LIEUTENANT, IF I DON'T I'D BE COVERED IN SMOKE FROM YOUR PIPE!
SECOND LIEUTENANT O'HARE, IF YOU OPEN THE WINDOW ALL THE WAY, YOU'LL LET THE SMOKE IN.
SOMETHING FLASHED...
THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANY BASES AROUND HERE...
DANKE RUKUTETTA!
WE'RE NOT IN EUROPE, IT CAN'T BE A NEUROI.
IT MUST BE YOUR IMAGINATION.
IT'S A WASTE NOT TO LOOK AT THE VIEW!
YOU'LL SHRIVEL UP WATCHING IT.

O-OF COURSE I KNOW. NO ONE'S THINKING ABOUT FLYING OVER THERE TO SEE!
YOU SHOULD ALREADY KNOW THIS, BUT WE DON'T HAVE PERMISSION TO USE STRIKER UNITS.
LIBERION NEWS
BUT...
IT DOES ...
CON-CERN ME...

A TURTLE!
AND
A HORSE?!
BLAM!

AHHH!!
LIKE A COYOTE!
DAMN!
KEEP STILL, WENDIGO*!
*NEUROI

YOU'RE FINISHED!
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NANTEKOTTA!
I'VE USED 16 ROUNDS ALREADY?
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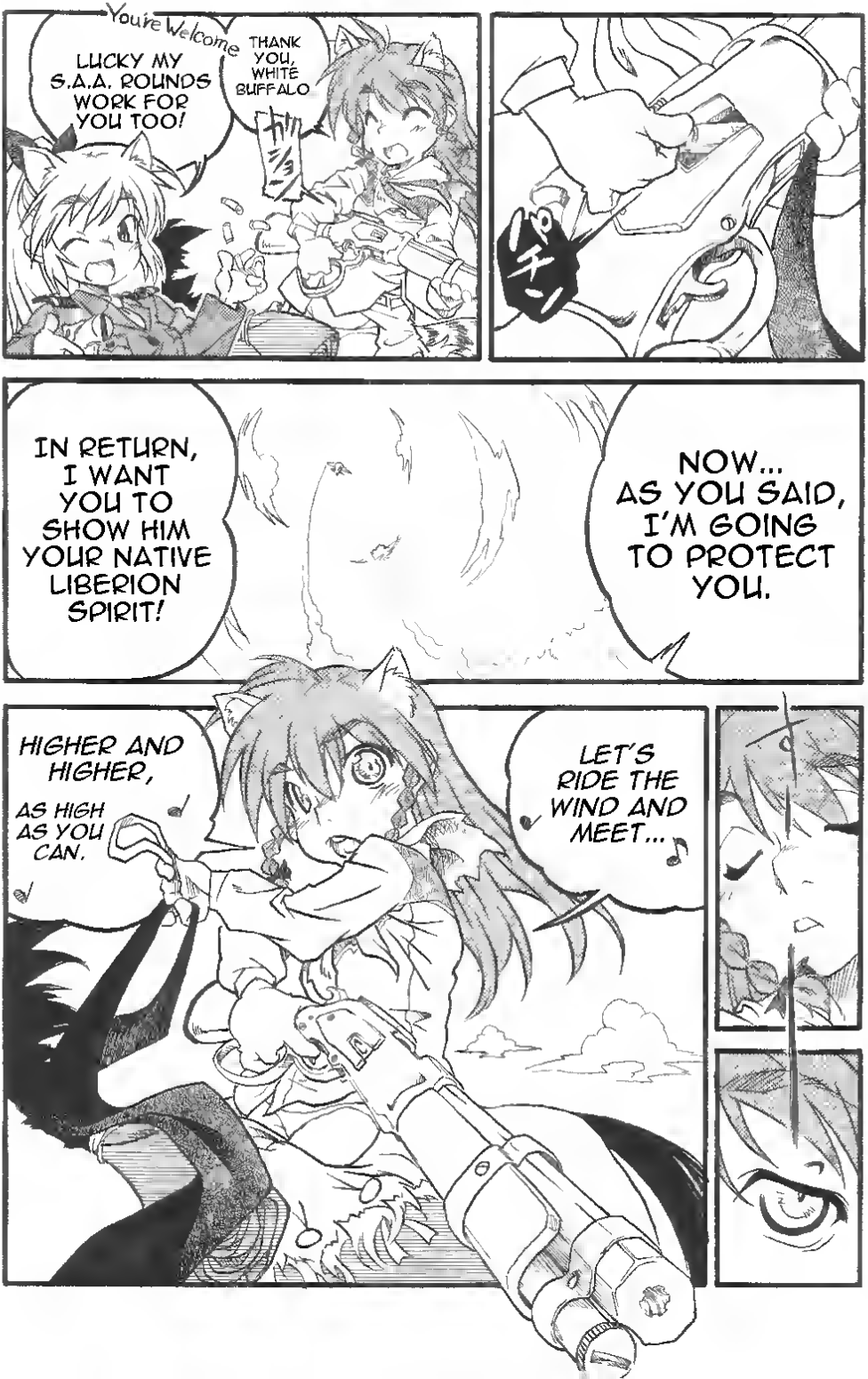
I FIND IT STRANGER THAT YOU'RE FLYING WEARING DOLPHINS!
HOW ARE YOU FLYING RIDING THAT HORSE?
YOU!?
MY STRIKERS ARE BUFFALOS.
WHITE BUFFALOS? YOU MUST BE KIDDING! ※
HUH?
HAY!
COW GIRL!
YOU HAVE TO KEEP COUNT OF THE NUMBER OF SHOT YOU'VE FIRED!

※ LIEUTENANT O'HARE IS REFERRING TO F2A BUFFALOS. THE OTHER GIRL IS CONFUSING THE WHITE STRIKERS WITH THE MYTHOLOGICAL BEAST WHITE BUFFALO, BELIEVED BY THE TRIBES FROM THE PLAINS.


You're Welcome
LUCKY MY S.A.A. ROUNDS WORK FOR YOU TOO!
THANK YOU, WHITE BUFFALO
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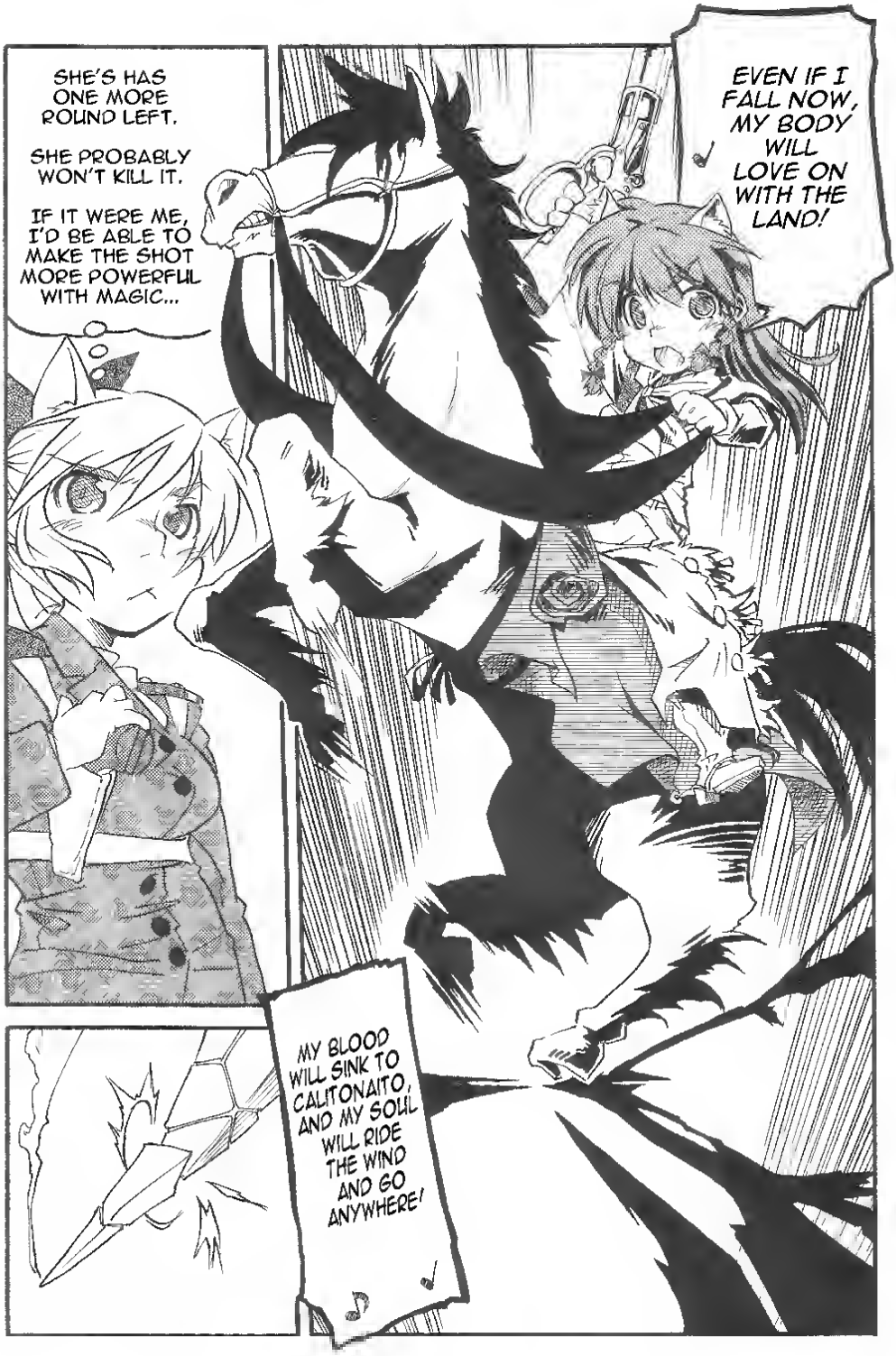
IN RETURN, I WANT YOU TO SHOW HIM YOUR NATIVE LIBERION SPIRIT!
NOW... AS YOU SAID, I'M GOING TO PROTECT YOU.
HIGHER AND HIGHER,
AS HIGH AS YOU CAN.
LET'S RIDE THE WIND AND MEET...

SEE, IF WE RIDE THE WIND WE CAN GO ANYWHERE, MEET ANYONE...
WHOSE BONE IS THAT WHITE CLOUD, WHOSE BODY IS THAT RED ROCK...
THAT TURTLE'S SMALL, AND CAN'T BE VERY STRONG...
SO THIS GIRL'S POWER MUST BE USED MOSTLY FOR FLYING WITH THE HORSE. SHE HASN'T PUT MAGIC IN HER ROUNDS, HAS SHE...?


SHE'S HAS ONE MORE ROUND LEFT.
SHE PROBABLY WON'T KILL IT.
IF IT WERE ME, I'D BE ABLE TO MAKE THE SHOT MORE POWERFUL WITH MAGIC...
EVEN IF I FALL NOW, MY BODY WILL LOVE ON WITH THE LAND!
MY BLOOD WILL SINK TO CALITONAITO, AND MY SOUL WILL RIDE THE WIND AND GO ANYWHERE!

SEE, IF YOU RIDE THE WIND WE CAN MEET AGAIN.
HIGHER AND HIGHER, AS HIGH AS YOU CAN!
BARREL ROLL... LOOKS LIKE IT'S MY TURN...
NOW LET'S RIDE THE WIND AND GO MEET...

Oh..
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KATHY.
KATHERINE
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YOU'RE LATE, AND YOU'VE BROKEN YOUR STRIKERS TOO.
JANE!
IT'S BECAUSE YOU TOOK THEM WHILE THEY WERE BEING TRANSPORTED, AND USED UP THE EMERGENCY FUEL..
WHY DO I HAVE TO CARRY MY STRIKERS WHEN THEY'RE OUT OF FUEL!?
WHY CAN'T I SEND THEM?
NEVER MIND THAT, I MADE A GREAT NEW FRIEND TODAY! YOU'LL BE AMAZED TOO WHEN YOU HEAR ABOUT HER!
WE'RE VERY SORRY, MAJOR THATCH.
OR SHOULD I SAY WELL DONE, FOR NOT DESTROYING THE TRAIN AS WELL AS THE STRIKERS?

I'M NOT JOKING!
NOOO!!
THAT'S A FUNNY JOKE!
HMM, SO SHE WAS AN INDIGENOUS WITCH?
OUCH!!
I DID! I SAID 'LET'S FIGHT THE NEURO! TOGETHER' BUT...
BUT?
IF YOU'RE NOT JOKING ABOUT HER, WHY DIDN'T YOU ASK HER TO JOIN THE AIR INFANTRY?
SHE SAID 'THE LAND AND SKIES ARE FOR EVERYONE, YOU CAN'T JUST LEAVE OUT THE WENDIGO' AND SHE DIDN'T ACCEPT.
END

CHAPTER 06: VANRAN AIR BATTLE!

BY CRAYFISH (TAKANAGA KOUHEI)

CHAPTER 14: LIBERION'S LAST STAND

BY NIHO JIRO

AND NOW, A WORD FROM OUR TEAM'S CLEANER NEKO ARCUEID BRUNESTUD:

CHAPTER 06:

THOUGH I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO 100% CONFIRM THE INFORMATION -INCLUDING BY USING MAPS IN THE STRIKE WITCHES GUIDE BOOKS-, I BELIEVE IT IS REASONABLE TO PRESUME THAT THIS STORY TAKES PLACE IN WHAT WOULD BE VIET-NAM. IF NOTHING ELSE; IT'S IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA. (LAOS, CAMBODIA, VIET-NAM.)

FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN LOOKING SUCH THINGS UP WITH A SEARCH-ENGINE; THE AIR STRIKERS BEING USED ARE BASED ON THE F-4 PHANTOM II, AND THE OV-10 BRONCO. IT'S DIFFICULT TO TELL; BUT CONSIDERING THE PRESUMED ERA, AND THAT THE LAND-BATTLE WITCHES ARE ONLY USING SMALL-ARMS, IT IS LIKELY THE LAND-STRIKERS ARE BASED ON THE M-113 ARMORED PERSONEL CARRIER.

AND IN PAGE 029, THERE'S SOME SOLDIER SLANG: 'NUMBA' TEN,' = 'THE WORST,' WHICH MEANS 'NUMBA' ONE,' = 'THE BEST'.

CHAPTER 14:

OF THE THREE WITCHES IN THIS STORY; THE MEDICINE WOMAN/SHAMAN/HORSE-RIDING WITCH CHARACTER DOESN'T HAVE A NAME. HER WEAPON IS THE WINCHESTER MODEL 1873 LEVER-ACTION RIFLE IN 44-40CAL.

SECOND LIEUTENANT KATHERINE O'HARE IS BASED ON EDWARD O'HARE, AN AMERICAN FIGHTER PILOT FROM WW II. AND THE PERSON CHICAGO ILLINOIS FAMOUS AIRPORT IS NAMED AFTER. THOUGH O'HARE IS SHOWN FLYING AN AIR-STRIKER BASED ON THE F2A BUFFALO, HER NAMESAKE ALSO FLEW THE F4F WILDCAT, AND THE F6F HELLCAT. O'HARE'S WEAPON IS THE COLT ARMS SINGLE ACTION ARMY REVOLVER IN 44-40CAL.

ABOUT KATHERINE O'HARE; SHE IS KNOWN AS 'CRASHER O'HARE' BECAUSE OF ALL THE FRIENDLY STRIKERS SHE HAS DESTROYED IN VARIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES. SOME MIGHT EVEN CONSIDER HER TO BE A NEUROI ACE BECAUSE SHE HAS DESTROYED SO MANY. IN ONE INCIDENT; SHE CRASH-LANDED ON THE USS LEXINGTON AND DESTROYED EIGHT STRIKERS, INCLUDING HER OWN. WHILE O'HARE SURVIVED WITHOUT A SCRATCH; SHE PUT SEVEN OTHER WITCHES INTO LEXINGTON'S SICK-BAY WITH VARIOUS INJURIES.

MAJOR JANE THATCH IS BASED ON JIMMY THATCH; ANOTHER AMERICAN FIGHTER PILOT FROM WW II. JANE IS NOT SHOWN USING A STRIKER OR A WEAPON, BUT HER NAMESAKE FLEW THE F4F WILDCAT, AND THE F6F HELLCAT DURING WW II.